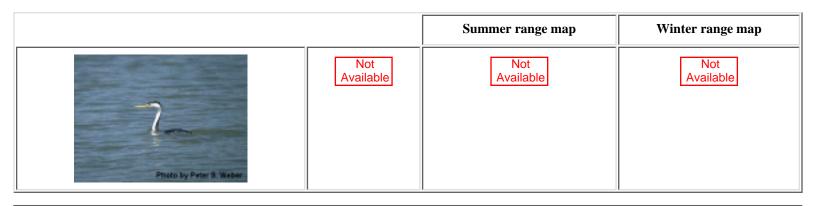


Clark's Grebe Aechmophorus clarkii



Migration Status	Breeding Habitat	Nest Location	Nest Type	Clutch Size	Incubation	Fledge	Number of Broods	Diet
N/A	Wetland-open water	N/A	N/A	3-4	23 days	63-77	1	Aquatic Invertebrates, Fish

Identification Tips:

- Length: 18? inches Wingspan: 40? inches
- Sexes similar
- A large, long-necked grebe with a long bill
- Bill yellow
- Red eye
- Black crown and nape
- White chin, throat, face, and belly
- White face includes eye
- Dark blackish-brown back and wings
- White secondaries
- · Feet set far back on body

Similar species: Loons are larger with longer bodies and larger, darker bills. Horned and Eared Grebes are smaller with much shorter bills that are never yellow. Red-necked Grebe is smaller without the bold black and white neck pattern. The formerly conspecific Westerns Grebe is very similar but has a greener bill. The dark crown of the Western Grebe includes the eye, whereas in the Clark's it does not. The two species have distinctive calls: Clark's give a single "kreeet" while the Western gives a doubled note. Hybridization is known go atypical birds should be studied well for exact bill color and face pattern.

Credits:

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